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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, PINT, KS

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. NINE VIOLATOR RELEASED FOR  
COMPASSIONATE REASONS

1. ON JULY 14, ROKG RELEASED KO YONG-KUN, MINISTER OF KOREA JESUS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ON WHAT IT CALLS "SICK BAIL." KO WAS ARRESTED ON MARCH 12, 1976 FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTACKING GOVERNMENT IN VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURE NO. NINE. AFTER COMPLICATED RECORD OF TRIALS, SENTENCES AND RETRIALS, KO WAS FINALLY SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS HARD LABOR AND SUSPENSION OF CIVIL RIGHTS. PROSECUTOR THEN APPEALED CASE TO SUPREME COURT ON GROUNDS SENTENCE WAS TOO LIGHT, AN ACTION WHICH IS STILL PENDING.

2. INDEPENDENT TONGA ILBO NOTED THAT THIS IS FIRST TIME SINCE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WAS PASSED THAT EMERGENCY MEASURE VIOLATOR WAS RELEASED ON COMPASSIONATE OR SICK BAIL.

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